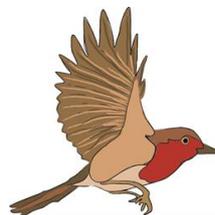


Burhill Flyer

September 8th 2017 #1



Welcome back!!

How lovely to see everyone again. The holidays are long I know, but us teachers spend heaps of time preparing for this first week - and it is lovely to watch the children settle in to their new classes, make new friends, and start new work. I am of course delighted to be able to say that we have our first ever year 6. I'm not sure about the water supply in Hersham, but my goodness some of those year 6 children grew a lot over the holidays quite a few are as tall as some of the staff now!

This summer we did a complete overhaul of the year 1 and 2 classrooms, including new interactive television screens, new ceilings and new lights. New blinds will be fitted imminently, and later in the year those classrooms will have new carpets and new furniture. The Rocket Room (over in reception) also had a facelift, and is now unrecognisable from its original 1950s self. We also improved the storage across the school, and created a door to the IT suite, to enable us to limit noise in that area. Next on our list is the library - we will be starting on a complete refit this term - and thanks in advance should go to FoBS, who have put aside some money to support this project.

As you can see, we kept ourselves busy in the summer! Despite it being the holidays, between them staff gave up a total of 157 days to work in school and make sure everything was ready. I am very proud of this team!

The secondary school admissions system is now open

Year 6 parents can now apply online for 2018 secondary school places for their children using the online admissions system. The admissions system is quick, easy to use and available all day, every day and they'll receive the outcome of their applications by email.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 31 October 2017, but we recommend parents apply by Friday 20 October, before the half term holidays. Parents who miss the deadline reduce their chances of getting one of their preferred schools, so please apply online by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Free for you

We have 30 or so lovely (if a little scratched) wooden children's chairs (used in year 2) which we are happy for you to help yourselves to. We will be putting them out at the front entrance of the school, under the blue hall canopy on Friday, and they will be out all weekend if anyone wants one/some. Please feel free to let yourself in the gate, and close it after you.

Are you a new parent at our school?

Welcome to all new families! Starting at a new school can be a daunting prospect, and we all focus so much on making sure the children settle in well and make new friends so perhaps we forget that parents like to make friends too! A great way to meet new people and get involved in the school community is to attend a PTA meeting – now called Friends of Burhill School (FoBS). Our next one is Wednesday 13th September, in the school hall at 8pm. We tend to go for evening meetings, but we vary the week day to ensure as many parents as possible can attend. If you are new to school and don't know a soul, come along to the meeting and someone will welcome you with open arms...and if you are worried you will get roped in to something, well you might, or you might not!

Great opportunity for keen singers

The Promenade Junior Choir, which rehearses at Bell Farm School on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 7.45, has its first rehearsal this year on 18th September. Christopher Goldsack, who organises and trains this excellent choir has invited any keen boys and girls from Burhill School in years 4, 5 or 6 to join for this term without charge. The concert on December 10th in St Peter's Church will involve a range of seasonal and festive songs. If you are interested please visit the choir website: www.promenade.org.uk.

Contact us

All class teachers can be contacted by using first initial then surname then @burhill.surrey.sch.uk so for example, Miss Townend would be ltownend@burhill.surrey.sch.uk

If you don't know your teacher's initial, please just ask.

[PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS EMAIL THEIR CLASS TEACHER DURING NEXT WEEK- STATING THE NAME OF THEIR CHILD, SO THAT CLASS TEACHERS CAN COMPILE A LIST OF PARENTS' EMAIL ADDRESSES.](#)

We much prefer to email all our communications these days, so if you are not yet on our list, do contact Mrs Connor office@burhill.surrey.sch.uk

New email for Mrs Adams (Miss White)

You can no longer contact Mrs Adams on gwhite@burhill.surrey.sch.uk.

Her new email address is gadams@burhill.surrey.sch.uk

Golden lunchtimes

This week we are launching a new special treat for Friday lunchtimes. Every week, Mrs Adams will select 16 children whose names have appeared in the Golden Book (because they have been exceptionally kind and community spirited at lunchtimes) to enjoy taking their lunch with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Adams or another senior member of staff on the much lauded "Golden Table".

Our staff training day

On the inset day staff worked hard updating their training- we spent a good deal of time looking oin detail at what Ofsted said about us, and what that means for us as a school moving forwards. Its is one of the few times in the year when all 80 teaching staff can get together, so it is important to use the time to ensure we all understand the trajectory of the school- that everyone is "aboard the bus!"

We also looked at our new handwriting policy- and at our plans to ensure we improve the handwriting of every single child this year.

Our Home School Link Worker

You might have noticed someone new standing with me on the gate on occasional mornings. Donna Cooper is our Home School Link Worker- a member of our own staff who can help get families through difficult patches, whatever their cause. If you ever have need of a little advice, help of any kind, or just someone to listen, talking to Donna is a great place to start. Why not say hello next time you see her at the gate.

On the subject of the gate **I will be standing at the reception entrance** from 13th through to the 20th September- so do come and find me there if you need to speak to me.

Dates coming up

PTA (FOBS) meeting in the blue hall on Wednesday 13th Sept at 8pm

Reception information meeting Thursday 28th September 6pm-7.00pm

Other year group information meetings tbc

FoBS AGM Thursday October 5th 7.30pm

Harvest celebrations, with donations, across the school- not for parents to attend. Oct 12th.

FoBS Quiz Night Friday 13th October – time TBC

Have a good weekend

Mrs S Taylor